Ripped muskrat fur is pulled out of a huge cleaning vat. Before any vests are made, all the contributed furs are scientifically cleaned and sterilized by volunteer workers.

Nailers pound the fur pieces into place. The pattern is chalked on a board, wet furs are stretched over it, nailed down and then left to dry. Later whipcord is sewn on.

Cartons of finished vests are packed, ready for shipment. Distribution of these warm garments to seamen on northbound ships is handled by the Maritime Commission.

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